

increased the size of National Landscape Conservation System units. Working with the Colorado Congressional delegation, she was instrumental in the designation of the Gunnison Gorge and Colorado Canyons National Conservation Areas and the designation of wilderness areas within those NCAs.

Through her leadership and the good work of the BLM employees, important guidelines are in place to make sure that recreation, grazing and other uses do not negatively impact our public lands. These guidelines help underscore that the environment can be protected in concert with economic benefits that inure to communities by these resources and activities.

She also helped BLM make important strides toward integrating fire into overall land management. Today, the Colorado BLM has in place state-of-the-art Fire Management Plans, which utilizes naturally ignited fires to meet resource objectives. She has also helped create local community support for the BLM's fire program, and helped local communities develop fire management plans.

She has also been helpful on wilderness protection. She demonstrated strong leadership when she agreed to re-evaluate areas that contained wilderness characteristics to determine if the management of these areas should be revised to protect their wilderness values. She also was a supporter of the BLM's Colorado policy of providing interim protection of areas that have been proposed for wilderness in order to give Congress the flexibility to determine this ultimate disposition of these lands.

Before coming to Colorado, Ann served three years as BLM's State Director in Nevada, where she concentrated on developing standards and guidelines for rangeland health, improving the quality and timeliness of hardrock mining environmental analysis, and securing strong working relationships with local governments in a state where the BLM manages 67 percent of the land.

Before embarking on her BLM career, Ann was manager of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Lands. There she was responsible for the multiple use management of more than 2 million acres of state public lands. She directed leasing, resource inventories and harvesting, public access and recreation, habitat protection and restoration, and statewide aquatic lands enhancement programs. Prior to that she managed engineering and construction projects for geothermal power plants for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Ann will be moving on to work on public land and environmental issues with, the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder, Colorado. She also will be working with the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution on special projects. At these positions, I know that she will have an opportunity to continue to make important contributions to public lands management. Her experience and expertise will help these organizations better understand and respond to natural resource issues.

I wish her well in these endeavors and ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her dedicated public service to Colorado and the nation.

SALE OF ISRAELI ARROW WEAPON SYSTEM TO INDIA

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the House floor this evening to discuss the sale of the Israeli Arrow Weapon System to India.

According to several reports, Mr. Speaker, there is support within the Pentagon and support from Israel to make the sale of the Arrow Weapon System a reality. However, Secretary Powell and the State Department are preparing to express objection to India's purchase of this missile defense system from Israel, due to the current military standoff between India and Pakistan.

I sent a letter today to Secretary Powell, requesting that the Secretary not delay or oppose India's purchase of this missile defense system from Israel.

I strongly believe that the State Department's support for the Arrow Weapon System sale to India would further solidify the new defense relationship between the United States and India. For the past several months, the U.S. and India have participated in numerous joint military exercises which have fostered a strong defense relationship between the two countries, which share democratic interests and have been working together well against global terrorism.

In addition, the Arrow Weapon System was created to defend against short-range and medium-range ballistic missiles. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, India's interest in the Arrow Weapon System is to improve missile defense, not offense, which is a key factor regarding this sale that needs to be considered.

There have also been reports that indicate that India is preparing to buy parts from the United States for military equipment such as helicopters, jets and radar systems. The sale of this equipment was initially delayed due to sanctions imposed on India in May 1998. Those sanctions have been lifted for nearly one year and I requested that the sale of this equipment not be delayed as well due to the current situation between India and Pakistan.

Mr. Speaker, I am hoping that during Secretary Powell's trip to India this week, he will voice approval of this Israeli sale to India. This is a positive step for U.S.-India relations and because of the defensive nature of this defense system, the U.S. should not delay this sale due to the conflict between India and Pakistan.

JULY 23, 2002.

Hon. COLIN POWELL,
Secretary, U.S. Department of State,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I am writing today to urge you not to delay the sale of the Israeli Arrow Weapon System to India.

According to several reports, there is support within the Pentagon and support from Israel to make this sale a reality. However, I understand that during your upcoming trip to India, you are preparing to express your objection to India's purchase of this missile defense system from Israel, due to the current military standoff between India and Pakistan.

I strongly believe that the State Department's support for the Arrow Weapon System sale to India would further solidify the new defense relationship between the United

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I am hoping that during your trip this week, you will voice approval of this Israeli sale to India and I thank you for taking my views into consideration.

Sincerely,

FRANK PALLONE, Jr.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF BOBBY LEE THOMPSON

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of Bobby Lee Thompson, who recently retired as the United Auto Workers Region 8 director. Bobby Lee served as the Region 8 director for more than 11 years and served the UAW for 48 years.

Bobby Lee began his nearly five decades of service to the UAW when he was hired as an assembler at the General Motors assembly plant in Wilmington, Delaware, on January 11, 1954. He served in numerous capacities with the union, including president of UAW Local 435 and as an international representative.

Bobby Lee has been a tremendous advocate for the working man and woman in the auto industry. His hard work and dedication to the UAW has earned him many accolades. He has even earned international recognition as an advocate for workers in the field of independent arbitration. Bobby Lee has also taken an active and appreciated role in numerous Middle Tennessee community organizations and boards.

His leadership and vision at the UAW will be sorely missed. I congratulate Bobby Lee on his outstanding career and wish him well in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS J. DOUGHERTY, NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and acknowledge the